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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2004.

Remarks

Claims 1 - 3, 5 - 7, and 73 - 76 are pending.

Species Election Requirement

Election of one of the following species was required under 35 U.S.C. Section 121:

Species I: Drawn to the first embodiment, wherein the layer on the deposition substrate comprises a layer in an organic light emitting diode.

Species II: Drawn to the second embodiment, wherein the layer on the deposition substrate comprises a layer in a radio frequency identification circuit.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Species II with traverse. Claims 1 - 3, 5, 7, and 73 - 76 appear to be readable on Species II. Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement on

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the basis that the methods of claims 1 – 3, 5 – 7, and 73 – 76 should be searchable for a single application without undue burden on the PTO. Since all of the claims relate to methods involving depositing material through a repositionable polymer aperture mask to form a layer on a deposition substrate, the searches required will be substantially the same. A search for the method should also produce references concerning the composition. Applicant therefore respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the Election Requirement.

Concluding Remarks

Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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